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# S. 3616

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 6, 2020

Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, and Mrs. LOEFFLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. INCLUSION OF CERTAIN EMBLEMS ON**  
4 **HEADSTONES AND MARKERS FURNISHED BY**  
5 **THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2306 of title 38, United  
7 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection  
2 (j); and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (h) the fol-  
4 lowing new subsection (i):

5 “(i)(1) A headstone or marker furnished for a veteran  
6 under subsection (a), (b), or (d) may include—

7 “(A) no emblem;

8 “(B) an emblem of belief; or

9 “(C) an emblem from among a list of emblems  
10 that the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with  
11 the Secretary, shall establish.

12 “(2) The list established under paragraph (1)(C)  
13 shall include the following:

14 “(A) An emblem with respect to—

15 “(i) each unit at the level of separate bri-  
16 gade or higher in the Army and each equivalent  
17 unit in the Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and  
18 Coast Guard; and

19 “(ii) each skill or combat badge or tab  
20 earned by a member of the Armed Forces.

21 “(B) One or more emblems of the commissioned  
22 Regular Corps of the Public Health Service.

23 “(C) One or more emblems of the commissioned  
24 officer corps of the National Oceanic and Atmos-  
25 pheric Administration.

1           “(D) Such other emblems as the Secretary of  
2           Defense, in coordination with the Secretary, con-  
3           siders appropriate and practical, such as the Marine  
4           Corps emblem or Army Infantry insignia.

5           “(3) The Secretary of Defense shall provide the Sec-  
6           retary with a digitized representation of each emblem in-  
7           cluded in the list established under paragraph (1)(C).”.

8           (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF LIST OF APPROVED EM-  
9           BLEMS.—Not later than June 1, 2021, the Secretary of  
10          Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans  
11          Affairs, shall establish the list of approved emblems re-  
12          quired by section 2306(i)(1)(C), as added by subsection  
13          (a), in accordance with such section.

14          (c) AVAILABILITY OF APPROVED EMBLEMS.—Not  
15          later than October 1, 2021, the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
16          fairs shall make the emblems on the list of approved em-  
17          blems required by section 2306(i)(1)(C), as added by sub-  
18          section (a), available for inclusion on headstones and  
19          markers.

20          (d) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-  
21          section (a) shall apply with respect to headstones and  
22          markers furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
23          after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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